**Sustainable energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB) Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

Chair Bicky Corman called a quorum of the Sustainable Energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB or Board) at 10:13 am, February 8, 2022. This was a Microsoft Teams video conference call meeting.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

Roll call was taken at 10:14 am, and the following people were in attendance:

**Board Members:**

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| **Name** | **In Attendance?** | **FY 2022 Attendance Record** |
| Bicky Corman (Board Chair) | Yes | 7/7 |
| Millie Knowlton (Vice Chair) | Yes | 6/7 |
| Sandra Mattavous-Frye (or OPC proxy) | Yes | 7/7 |
| Cary Hinton (PSC) | Yes | 6/7 |
| Donna Cooper (Electric Company) | Yes | 7/7 |
| Eric Jones (Building) | Yes | 6/7 |
| Nina Dodge (Environment) | Yes | 7/7 |
| Marshall Duer-Balkind (Councilmember Cheh) | Yes | 7/7 |
| Jamal Lewis - Low-Income Community | Yes | 5/7 |
| Matthias Paustian – Council Chairperson Mendelson | Yes | 3/7 |
| Mishal Thadani -Economic Development  | Yes | 4/7 |
| Sasha Srivastava - Renewable Energy | Yes | 5/7 |
| **Vacant (Gas Utility)** | No | 0/7 |

**Other Attendees:** Angela Johnson (DCSEU),Lance Loncke (Sr. Program Analyst, DOEE); Dave Epley (Associate Director, DOEE); Patti Boyd (DCSEU); Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC); Yohannes Mariam (OPC); LaKeisha Lockwood (DOEE); Theodore Trabue (DCSEU); Brandon Bowles (DCSEU); Daniel Conner (DOEE); Karen Sistrunk (OPC); Hussain Karim (DOEE); Tamara Christopher (DCSEU); Yohannes Mariam (OPC); Zoe Heller (DCSEU); Crystal McDonald (DCSEU); Lillia Abron (PEER/DCSEU); Rick Fleury (DCSEU); Ed Brady (PEER/DCSEU); Manny Geraldo (Washington Gas)

**Approval of Agenda**

10:21am Nina Dodge moved to move the Overview of the DCSEU Strategic Plan up on the agenda after approval of the meeting minutes and approve the agenda. Donna Cooper seconded the motion.

* All were in favor, none opposed

**Approval of December Special/ January Meeting Minutes**

* Spell out SEICBP State Energy
* Under **Discussion of Issues for SEUAB for FY22** bullet 4 insert DC CBE requirements
* Chair Corman requested documenting Washington Gas’ participation in board meetings
* Mr. Duer-Balkind moved to approve the January minutes as amended. Eric Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.
* Chair Corman moved to approve December Special Meeting minutes. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Overview of DCSEU 5-Year Strategic Plan – Ted Trabue, DCSEU**

* For more detailed information refer to the PowerPoint presentation provided by the DCSEU located on SEUAB Google Drive
* There are 5 cumulative benchmarks for this current contract (2022 - 2026);
1. Energy Savings
2. GHG
3. Total Renewable Capacity (kW)
4. Deep Energy Retrofits
5. Financial Leveraging
* The Deep Energy Retrofit Benchmark is a stretch according to the DCSEU
* In this contract the financial leveraging benchmarking in only a tracking benchmark it is not a performance benchmark as it was in the previous contract.
* There are 4 annual benchmarks and requirements for the current contract;
1. Low-Income Spending
2. Low-Income Energy Savings (this is now a tracking only benchmark)
3. Green Jobs
4. CBE (Certified Business Enterprise) Spending
* The changes to the federal funding and policies have had a positive impact on the DCSEUespecially in regards to the additional ARPA funding that has been added to their current contract to run the BEPS Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator

DCSEU Board comments/questions:

* Chair Corman recalled that the board was not unanimous on recommending the combination of the kW and energy efficiency upgrade component and suggested that it be closely monitored to determine the feasibility of achieving this benchmark. Chair Corman also asked what the DCSEU’s confidence level was on achieving the benchmark. Mr. Trabue suggested to give the DCSEU 3-6 months before they can effectively answer that question. He however expressed confidence that combining the two elements was the right thing to do.
* Mr. Duer-Balkind asked, if these buildings were in addition to the retrofit accelerator program or does the retrofit accelerator program funding help achieve the Deep Energy retrofit goals? Mr. Trabue, responded that the funding can be counted towards the achievement of the goal.
* Mr. Lewis asked for a deeper dive into why the Deep Energy Retrofit Bench is such a stretch. Is it that funding isn’t there to achieve the goal or is it just harder to achieve that much energy reduction in a building? Mr. Trabue stated that achieving that much reduction in a building is hard to achieve, however the engineers at the DCSEU are working to determine what is possible.
* Dr. Cooper asked for an analysis subsequent to this meeting of what work would be done in the buildings to achieve the goal.
* Ms. Dodge asked, “what is the criteria was for the selection of the buildings? How does the accelerator program apply to this benchmark?” Mr. Trabue said the buildings have to be 50,000 square feet or above. Single family houses are not included. The accelerator work is designed to enable low-income buildings of 50,000 square feet or above to become BEPS (Building Energy Performance Standards) compliant. There are also other low-income public housing buildings less than 50,000 square feet that have to comply with BEPS that add to the pool of buildings for the Deep Energy Retrofits. It is also not a requirement that the buildings undertaking a deep energy retrofits be trying to reach BEPS compliance.
* Mr. Paustian asked if there is a document available for board members to read offline that determines the amount of financial contribution the DCSEU makes in projects? Mr. Trabue, it is completely project based and determined by the extensive analysis of the DCSEU engineers and account managers prior to making a financial investment into a project. Mr. Loncke added that the EMV report would be a great resource for determining the DCSEU project funding analysis.
* Mr. Lewis asked, is there a reason why the low-income savings benchmark is now only a tracking benchmark? Mr. Trabue, gives the DCSEU more flexibility with the projects chosen since they are not locked into achieving a specific amount of savings to be in compliance with the contract. Chair Corman commented there will be savings achieved through other mechanisms that aren’t a direct result of there being more savings. Additionally with Pepco and Washington Gas entering into the same space as the DCSEU, removing the requirement lessened the effect of the market competition on the DCSEU’s ability to achieve savings.
* Chair Corman, requested that the Board please come to the next meeting having reviewed and commented on the DCSE Strategic plan.
* Mr. Duer-Balkind asked where there are areas of uncertainty or concern that the Board could provide assistance to the DCSEU? Ms. Boyd stated that the DCSEU will get back to the Board and appreciates the offer.
	+ A question was asked about the status of the SEU’s Strategic Plan and whether any action as needed on it from the Board. Mr. Loncke responded that the Board input into the Strategic Plan is strongly preferred but not required. It was agreed that the Board would discuss the full Plan in more detail once members had read it.

**Next Agenda**

* Recommendations for prioritizing the DCSEU Strategic objectives.
* DCSEU areas of uncertainty and concern
* Continue discussion on whether or not changes need to be made legislatively in regard to the Advisory Board Report
* Discussion of the fuel switching tracking requirement and pilot lessons learned

Future Agenda Items

* DCSEU Societal Cost Test

**Actions taken by the Board**

* Approval of agenda
* Approval of December and January meeting minutes
* Review and scheduling of discussions for future meetings

**Adjournment**

* Chair Corman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

*Minutes prepared by LaKeisha Lockwood, DOEE*